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# Letter from George S. Pratt, Rhineland, Germany, to Anne Whitney, Boston, Massachusetts, 1897 July 3

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"the watch on the Rhine" before  
they clear off. There is a great deal  
of cold ham - beer bread and  
mine going about. Margaret is  
constantly calling me to look -  
and says that it is no time to  
try to write a letter - but I would  
like to send you a little whiff  
of all this borage and life if I  
could put it in a letter.

My best regards to Minna  
Yours most faithfully  
George.

Steaming down the Rhine  
from Mayence to Bonn.

Steamer Schiller.

Monday afternoon July 5<sup>th</sup> '97

Dear Aunt Anne

From the Rhine with its  
swiftly passing visions of vineyards,  
castles, Ruins - towns and cities  
we send our salutations.

The day is not altogether fitted to  
the occasion - the weather is windy  
and chilly - but we have kept  
pretty well wrapped up with the  
constant exercise of getting up  
and down, with glass and guide-  
book, map and chart to get all  
that was possible of the stream  
of interesting things.

We were in Wiesbaden over Sun-  
day and in the evening joined  
the thousands in the Kirgarten  
promenade - while the band played



all the patriotic American Aims -  
"Yankee Doodle" - Star Spangled Banner  
"Red White and Blue" and others -  
(I must stop to see Rolandseck  
and Hounenwerth - with the Siebenge-  
birge just beyond -)

Maggie wore the national colors  
and a surprisingly large num-  
ber of Americans were in evidence.  
All the French, German, English and  
other foreigners (?) looked curiously  
at the happy Americans, and all  
the Americans bowed and saluted  
each other as they passed and re-  
passed -

We land at Cologne at 7-30  
tonight - we will see the Cathedral  
in the morning and take a little  
drive about the city - then to  
Brussels and then after a day  
in Brussels, to Paris.

To think that we <sup>have</sup> been to Naples,  
Genoa, Pisa, Rome, Florence, Venice,  
Milan, Lugano, Lucerne, Zurich  
Constance, Munich, Vienna, Dresden  
Leipzig, Frankfurt Wiesbaden

Besides, I took a day in Berlin  
while Maggie remained at Dresden -  
and we have managed to see so  
many chief things - It seems al-  
most a dream - but a dream  
so vivid and so beautiful that  
the memory of it will last  
forever. Maggie has kept very  
well and has good nights and  
has been ready each morning  
for the work of the new places.

Our trip was very arranged in  
regard to trains - we have almost  
invariably left places in the  
latter part of the day - visited  
some sort of a concert garden  
immediately on our arrival - when  
we had some light refreshment -  
then to our grateful beds - and  
then a new fresh morning.

The boat is getting well filled  
and a lot of Germans are  
singing - I trust that they will sing